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**It is true that in certain cases, not all of the above scientific procedures are required. A significant difference between legal questioned document work and autograph-historical documents are how exemplars are obtained. In Q.D. cases, forensic document examiners obtain samples from the attorney-client or adversary. The written evidence can be either requested (taken personally by the examiner) or collected (documents previously written). It is imperative that the examiner ascertain the integrity of these samples to conclude like or different authors.**

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## **Authentication Request Form**

If you are interested in our authentication please fill out this form below and someone will contact you soon.

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*Company*

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Questions or

## Comments

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**The key to performing a scientific and professional conclusion in this area of expertise, autographs and historical documents, is the exemplars located in our library. Having 30 known and substantiated samples of an individual from the 1970's is not a full sampling. One must have a time line of their various signatures. For example, note Joe DiMaggio's autograph from the 1940's compared to his 1980's style. It evolved from one of the most flamboyant, stylish and artistic signatures that I have ever examined into a strict and efficient mark.**

**We believe that it is our original and facsimile collection on thousands of individuals that is the key to our accuracy. Apples must be compared to apples, 1980's signatures to 1980's signatures and so on and so forth.**

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